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Downhole Connector

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The present invention relates to apparatus and method for running and setting apparatus in a well bore and in particular to apparatus and method for setting a liner in a well bore, where the liner is used as part of the drill string and is left cemented in place in the well, after drilling is complete.

In drilling and completing well bores it is typical to insert liner into the well bore. The liner may be inserted through casing and tied back to provide a production string in a pre-drilled well bore. Alternatively the liner may form part of the drill string and be run into the well bore during drilling. When the liner reaches its desired location, any tools such as the drill bit or mud motors may be removed from the string, and cement is typically passed down the liner to fill the annulus between the liner and the well bore or casing wall. The string above the liner is then detached and removed, leaving a cemented liner within the well bore.

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Various tools have been developed to releasably attach to the liner. These are generally termed liner running and